

## The Lizard

Tommy wanted a pet. His mom said, "No pets with (**fur, not, you**). The fur makes us sneeze." Tommy (**one, thought, where**) about what kind of pet he (**play, red, could**) get. He had an idea.

"Mom, (**run, let's, said**) go to the reptile pet store (**and, the, we**) see what kinds of pets they (**three, have, up**)." His mom thought that was a (**two, the, good**) idea. Tommy had a special pet (**all, now, store**) in mind. This pet store had (**many, am, no**) different kinds of pets. It had (**are, new, many**) furry animals. But it also had (**must, many, at**) reptiles.

On Saturday morning, Tommy and (**his, ate, like**) mom drove to the pet store. (**Into, Be, Tommy**) was surprised by how noisy it (**was, black, he**) in the pet store. A bird (**brown, have, was**) screeching. Other birds were chattering loudly. (**Good, A, But**) parrot was talking. Some dogs were (**barking, came, did**) a monkey was rattling the sides (**did, get, of**) his cage.

Tommy looked at the (**do, reptiles, eat**). There were all kinds of snakes. (**He, On, White**) liked the big boa constrictor. But (**our, he, what**) knew his mom would not want (**that, went, out**). He also liked the corn snake. (**Please, Well, Then**) he saw the alligator lizard. It (**was, pretty, ran**) a baby lizard. It was smaller (**ride, than, well**) Tommy's finger. Tommy loved it!

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## My Pet Finds Me

All of a sudden Tommy didn't notice the sounds in the pet store. He just stared at the alligator (**can, lizard, dip**). He had never seen one before. (**Fed, Gum, It**) sort of looked like a snake (**with, swim, blot**) legs. But it also looked like (**clam, snap, an**) alligator. It was about seven inches (**long, flat, step**) and had a mouth shaped like (**glad, an, trap**) alligator. Tommy wondered if it would (**press, frog, bite**).

He asked the man if he (**would, press, spin**) take the lizard out of the (**spot, grin, cage**). The man was happy to take (**slam, the, drug**) lizard out and show him. He (**brag, put, skip**) the lizard on top of the (**table, wreck, this**). "Does he bite?" Tommy asked.

"Only (**which, chip, if**) you hurt him," the man replied.

(**Ship, Then, Tommy**) looked at his mom. He noticed (**when, that, chop**) she wasn't frowning the way she (**did, shot, that**) when he looked at the snakes. "(**Bath, With, May**) I hold him?" Tommy asked.

"Sure," (**hash, dish, the**) man answered.

When Tommy picked up (**rich, the, whiff**) lizard, he got a big surprise. (**The, Them, Shut**) lizard wrapped his long tail around (**Quit, Tommy's, Hand**) wrist.

Tommy said, "It looks like the (**lizard, sing, tent**) has picked me."

Tom's mom laughed (**wing, hunt, and**) said, "It sure does!"

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## Lizzy

Lizzy has been a perfect pet lizard. He likes to take walks around (**my, beat, pick**) bedroom. He likes to hang over (**team, bark, my**) shoulder while I do my homework. (**Match, He, Horn**) likes to sleep in the sun. (**He, Coast, Ten**) doesn't eat very much, just a (**pail, few, meet**) crickets each day. He likes to (**week, men, find**) dark places to hide. Most of (**all, set, rain**), he likes to sleep in secret (**beach, warm, short**) places. But I always find him.

(**My, Tack, Rich**) mom thinks he's a perfect pet, (**rate, beef, too**). That's because he's usually hiding and (**luck, she, card**) doesn't see him. She says it's (**easy, star, blade**) to go away for the weekend. (**Pick, Fork, Lizzy**) likes being left alone in his (**house, shoot, purple**) to sleep.

Today he found a (**beach, really, rage**) good hiding place. I looked under (**the, chart, shear**) paper on my desk. I peeked (**now, tack, behind**) the bookcase, but no Lizzy. Mom (**decided, week, jet**) she'd better look, too. She looked (**less, in, sold**) the closet. She looked behind the (**found, march, desk**). But she couldn't find him either. (**Then, Mule, Fork**) we heard Dad give a little (**ate, gasp, if**). Lizzy had found a good hiding (**place, set, pen**) in his slipper.

## Pancakes

My mom doesn't like to eat pancakes so she never makes them for us. Now that's a problem. But my (**dad, honk, sing**) likes them and he cooks them (**tent, for, wing**) us. In fact he cooks them (**hunt, band, almost**) every Sunday morning. As soon as (**west, we, fist**) get home from church, Dad starts (**cooking, sang, hung**). I help him. Sometimes I'm the (**just, cook, ring**) and he helps me. Then I (**camp, bump, get**) to decide what kind of pancakes (**we, rang, went**) make. I usually choose either blueberry (**sink, or, bank**) applesauce pancakes.

We make lots and (**honk, pack, lots**) of pancakes. We put them in (**fill, the, kiss**) oven to keep them warm. When (**we, cuff, doll**) are ready to eat, we take (**well, fuss, them**) out of the oven. By then (**there's, muff, back**) a big stack of pancakes on (**lick, the, pass**) plate. We have plenty of syrup (**on, miss, bill**) the table. Sometimes we have applesauce (**deck, and, fuzz**) jelly, too. My brother takes about (**yet, van, three**) for starters. My dad and I (**sob, each, men**) take about five. And my mother—(**she, jug, rant**) only takes one.

I eat my (**helpful, pancakes, lock**) in a big pile. I put (**some, swim, honk**) butter on the top. Then I (**mean, pour, sand**) syrup over the top. I bite (**camp, five, into**) a big fork full. I'm so (**glad, spot, trend**) Dad likes pancakes.

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## Chocolate Chip Cookies

I don't know why, but I have a weakness for chocolate chip cookies. It's really pretty bad. My mom (**can, sight, in**) make any other kind of cookie (**corn, and, right**) it's okay. But I always have (**peek, turn, a**) problem with the chocolate chip cookies. (**Tall, I, Made**) eat too many.

As soon as (**I, meat, catch**) walk into the kitchen I know. (**Pork, Room, I**) know that smell anywhere. Yep, that (**road, just, chain**) baked cookie smell hits me right (**away, coat, sir**). It smells just like my favorite (**pay, soon, kind**) of cookie. I have to try (**herd, out, born**) a few. Everyone knows that when (**a, say, sing**) kid gets home from school he (**chop, seat, should**) get a few cookies.

Now if (**his, tells, neck**) friend is with him, his friend (**from, gets, when**) a few cookies, too. Then after (**we, fall, raining**) drink a glass of milk, we (**fir, queen, both**) need a few more cookies. Then (**quick, day, we**) need a few more for our (**quit, pockets, paid**) as we go outside. When we (**get, down, fur**) hungry outside, we go back inside (**such, bold, for**) just a few more chocolate chip (**sells, cookies, stop**). As you can see, this is (**shout, gun, a**) problem.

After dinner, Mom tells us (**coal, boat, to**) have a cookie. I sure hope (**that, meal, not**) there are some left. I always (**hammer, have, cow**) to hold my breath. My mom (**laughs, penny, bird**) and calls me a cookie monster. (**Might, Shop, I'm**) glad she understands!

## The Bear

One day my younger sister and I had nothing to do. So we decided to go on (**then, see, a**) picnic. We packed some food in (**that, a, when**) bag and said goodbye to Mom. (**We, Thank, Want**) left the house and walked into (**tell, the, saw**) woods.

It was dark and cool (**there, which, in**) the woods. We heard many strange (**noises, those, went**) as we walked along the path. (**I, their, say**) thought about the bear stories we (**these, where, had**) heard. I was worried that some (**of, this, were**) these noises were made by a (**them, bear, said**) walking through the thick underbrush. My (**three, what, sister**) and I both began to listen (**for, warm, rush**) bear noises. We walked deeper into (**mind, lift, the**) woods looking for an open space (**back, for, kind**) a picnic. But we kept listening (**for, street, pick**) suspicious sounds. The more we listened, (**truck, the, meat**) more scared we became.

Suddenly we (**heard, say, guy**) a big crashing noise. Something big (**rip, fly, must**) be making that noise. Maybe it (**was, live, white**) a bear! We turned and ran. (**Great, We, Her**) ran as fast as we could. (**Mess, Very, We**) didn't look back because we were (**back, running, cost**) so fast. We could see the (**place, five, end**) of the woods. We kept running (**across, look, that**) the yard and into the house. (**Hat, Look, We**) fell on the couch panting.

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## Games

I can play games all day. All of the other things I (**must, ran, lend**) do take away time from playing (**so, will, games**). Do you think I am a (**clink, child, to**) or an adult?

Why did you (**guess, mint, twin**) that I am a child? I (**of, not, hope**) you do not believe that only (**children, blink, sock**) like to play games. Many adults (**tent, would, bond**) play games all day if they (**sink, bend, could**). Of course, adult games are not (**always, hand, and**) the same as children's games. Adults (**pin, six, play**) card games and sports like golf. (**Drink, Kids, Where**) also play card games and sports.

(**Sank, Den, How**) are kids' games and adult games (**different, bun, pink**)? That is a very difficult question (**junk, sand, to**) answer. Are adult games more fun? (**Win, I, Where**) don't think so. Kids have at (**least, bank, went**) as much fun playing their games. (**Must, Are, Sand**) adult games harder to learn? Sometimes (**stunt, mint, they**) are harder to learn, but some (**kids', say, don't**) games are hard for adults to (**which, chick, learn**). Maybe the only difference is that (**even, adult, much**) games usually cost more to play. (**Repeat, Bell, Or**), maybe the difference is who likes (**to, leave, move**) play the game.

You decide how (**fire, water, they**) differ. I think one difference might (**remove, be, school**) that some kids' games are really (**sent, clink, active**) like tag, which adults get tired (**playing, pond, sent**).

## The Race

The children had been waiting all morning to go outside and play. It was a nice, sunny day (**always, with, pull**) not a cloud in the sky.

(**After, Around, Or**) the reading lesson was over, Mrs. (**off, because, Smith**) led the class to the school (**playground, many, before**).

Everyone was having fun playing. But (**best, made, Mike**) and Brad were talking about who (**was, both, its**) the best runner. Mike bragged that (**both, green he**) was the fastest runner in the (**whole, goes, buy**) second grade at Oak Hill School. (**Call, Brad, Give**) said no, he was the fastest (**cold, found, and**) would show him. The boys went (**on, does, five**) and on with their bragging. This (**first, gave, does**) Mrs. Smith an idea.

The teacher (**don't, fast, told**) the boys she would help them (**decide, write, off**) who was the fastest by setting (**look, up, ring**) a race. But the boys had (**to, meat, you**) agree to let anyone else run, (**run, down, too**). Brad and Mike both said yes. (**Just, Now, Every**) as the boys were ready to (**since, start, line**) Kathy said she would like to (**what, again, run**) in the race.

All three children (**started, much, men**) at the same time and ran (**here, before, around**) the school. When they were done (**Brad, name, third**) and Mike knew who was the (**pick, fastest, most**). Kathy was the fastest!



## Around The World

Have you ever wanted to travel all the way around the world? Most people dream of taking such (**old, a, once**) trip. You know what? I actually (**came, open, over**) close to doing it, and I'm (**put, clock, only**) twelve years old.

My dad is (**a, stop, take**) teacher and one year he had (**thank, a, them**) chance to go teach in Hong (**Some, Then, Kong**). Our family thought that going to (**another, think, walk**) part of the world would be (**were, really, when**) fun and exciting, so we decided (**when, always, to**) go.

Hong Kong is really a (**around, long, cold**) way from the United States. We (**had, paper, green**) to fly for almost ten hours (**does, because, to**) get there. We were really tired. (**Don't, Its, When**) we finally found the house that (**before, we, fast**) were to live in all year, (**made, best, we**) all lay down and went to (**sleep, first, many**) for almost three hours.

We lived (**both, five, in**) Hong Kong for nine months. It (**is, off, buy**) a very interesting place. People from (**found, all, or**) over the world live, work, or (**space, lamp, travel**) through Hong Kong. It is one (**pull, read, of**) the most famous seaports in the (**world, these, which**).

After our stay was finished we (**right, those, headed**) for home. We talked about flying (**the, why, sing**) rest of the way around the (**upon, world, also**). We were all so anxious to (**hand, use, get**) home, though, we decided not (**to, work, sleep**). I was glad.

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## Moving

Maria had just moved again for the third time in the same year. All of the schools were different (**in, deer, shell**) many ways. They each seemed to (**boot, have, much**) their own style. By the time (**car, meet, she**) had settled in and made friends, (**she, for, see**) had to move again. It was (**moon, barn, hard**) to keep up with her schoolwork. (**Some, Barn, Clay**) things she had already learned in (**sash, her, wish**) old schools. But most of the (**corn, barn, time**), she felt lost. She was living (**in, chip, keep**) a small apartment with her mom (**shoot, and, fool**) aunt because her parents were divorced. (**Maria, Soon, Cork**) was hoping they would stay here (**shark, for, feet**) a long time. She had made (**weep, food, a**) lot of friends with kids that (**lived, part, fort**) near her. Still, she missed all (**itch, of, torch**) her old friends from the last (**school, feel, hard**).

One day another new student, Hattie, (**gold, day, came**) to Maria's class. The teacher asked (**Maria, Star, Feel**) to help Hattie in her new (**chop, old, classroom**). Maria helped Hattie find her way (**ship, around, cash**) the school. Marie knew how hard (**it, chop, scold**) was to be a new student. (**Hold, She, Port**) was a really good helper for (**play, Hattie, rich**). They soon became each other's very (**rain, may, best**) friend.

## Northern Pike

I love to go fishing. But sometimes I'm a little scared, (**too, after, of**). Ever since I was a little (**again, boy, may**) I've heard about a great big (**live, an, northern**) pike that lives in the deep (**any, part, let**) of the lake. My dad used (**to, know, as**) tell me about it before I (**went, just, ask**) to bed.

When I was little (**how, people, by**) had trouble getting me to bed. (**In, His, Could**) the summer it was still light (**him, every, out**) when I went to bed. So (**my, going, give**) dad would start telling me this (**fly, story, from**) to get me to lie still. (**Old, It, When**) always worked because I liked the (**were, story, once**) so much. But I never seemed (**to, open, walk**) hear the end.

My dad would (**over, put, tell**) me about going out fishing for (**round, northern, some**) pike. He'd think to himself that (**stop, take, maybe**) he'd catch the gigantic pike that (**thank, got, wish**) away from Grandpa many years ago. (**It, Then, Boat**) was so big it nearly pulled (**make, the, turn**) fishing rod out of Grandpa's hands. (**It, Saw, Apple**) pulled so hard that Grandpa couldn't (**turn, van, pull**) it into the boat. It took (**a, push, green**) big jump and broke the line. (**Seem, But, Week**) Grandpa saw it and said it (**under, brown, must**) have been three feet long. So, (**every, girl, seem**) time Dad went fishing he was (**miss, box, trying**) to get the big northern pike. (**Turn, Boat, So**) was I!

## Grandpa

One of Bobby's best friends was his grandpa. Grandpa lived a few blocks down (**the, seek, rate**) street from Bobby's house. When Bobby (**feel, mine, came**) home from school he passed his (**week, poke, grandpa's**) house, so he would always stop. (**Keep, Today, Mule**) when he stopped by to see (**his, time, meet**) grandpa he found him in the (**seem, green, backyard**). Grandpa was fixing an old fishing (**code, feet, pole**). "What are you doing, Grandpa?" Bobby (**asked, weed, gown**).

"Well, Bobby, I found this old (**sound, ran, fishing**) pole in the basement and I (**rash, thought, down**) I might fix it up," said (**Grandpa, found, sheep**). "You don't know any one, who (**fish, couch, could**) use a pole, do you?"

Bobby's (**eyes, pick, sheet**) opened wide and he said, "I (**hush, don't, luck**) have a pole, Grandpa. Could you (**take, boot, back**) me fishing?"

"Well, that sounds like (**tool, luck, a**) good idea to me," laughed Grandpa. "(**Call, Fool, Down**) up your mother and check with (**gold, her, chin**) first. If it's OK with her, (**wine, card, I'll**) take you down to the lake (**after, food, star**) dinner."

Bobby called his mom and (**fowl, she, beach**) said it was fine as long (**how, play, as**) he finished his homework later. Then (**he, cream, sold**) and Grandpa had dinner. After dinner (**ripe, they, hole**) loaded up the truck. They both (**town, had, sash**) a great time fishing and Grandpa (**promised, team, duck**) they would go again soon.

## Growing

Every year my mom measures how much my brother and I grow. There's a wall in the basement, which (**shows, gold, duke**) how much we've grown each year. (**Fork, Mom, Hound**) has us stand next to the (**cow, how, wall**) then she puts a book on (**our, boat, play**) heads. She marks the place where (**main, the, fowl**) book meets the wall. She does (**this, found, loaf**) at the beginning of the new (**year, beef, chin**).

When I look at the marks (**gear, I, soap**) see that I don't grow the (**dock, barn, same**) amount each year. Some years I (**grew, steam, oat**) about one inch. Other years I (**heat, sold, grew**) two or more inches. My brother's (**ripe, marks, tack**) are like that, too. It's good (**to, blade, cheer**) know that I keep growing. Mom (**says, hole, seat**) that I will grow better if (**may, I, ditch**) eat good food. I try to (**stay, leg, do**) that.

I never see myself grow. (**Cream, I, Luck**) never even feel myself grow. But (**fear, mold, I**) know I am growing. And whenever (**I pain, beach**) don't feel like I'm growing, I (**soak, walk, goal**) downstairs and look at that wall.

(**Chick, Short, Sometimes**) I feel like I'm not getting (**desk, older, meet**) fast enough. I want to be (**old, marsh, bed**) enough to do all the things (**form, my, fowl**) big brother gets to do. But (**when, neat, goal**) I remember the marks on the (**beat, blade, wall**), I know I'm growing older, too. (**Each, Star, Harm**) mark means I'm a year older (**less, and, gold**) someday I'll be all grown up.

## Fall

The fall season is exciting. I'm not sure why it is (**cold, pitch, so**) exciting, but I can guess. First, (**old, I, her**) like to go back to school.

(**Hold, Whip, You**) may be surprised to hear that, (**but, short, call**) it's true.

Why should that be? (**Lag, King, Summer**) vacation is fun, but after a (**while, cart, out**) I get bored. It's exciting to (**now, return, money**) to school and see all of (**the, fight, pail**) other kids again.

Another reason why (**I, burn, farm**) like the fall is that the (**seem, long, weather**) begins to change. The days become (**ball, cooler, white**). The leaves change color and fall (**off, use, shop**) the trees. Fallen leaves may be (**the, while, town**) clearest sign that fall is really (**cow, match, here**). When you're a kid, fallen leaves (**bird, plan, might**) also be the most fun.

What (**makes, boat, meal**) fallen leaves so much fun? Well, (**not, fallen, teach**) leaves can be raked into big (**take, shout, piles**). Everyone knows what to do with (**a, coal, girl**) big pile of fallen leaves! Jump (**bold, such, into**) them, of course. But you'd better (**girl, day, be**) ready to rake them back into (**a, quick, raining**) pile again if your dad is (**fir, queen, watching**). He doesn't think it's much fun (**shot, to, when**) rake up leaves more than one (**grow, time, sit**). But I don't mind raking twice (**as, telling, neck**) long as I can have fun (**few, when, jumping**) into the leaves. I'm glad it's (**sing, fall, chop**)!

## Camping

That night Juan and Lee set their camp. They were close to Pine Lake. (**Lee, your, write**) thought it was a good place (**tall, sleep, to**) see deer. Some deer might come (**to, glass, right**) the lake. They had seen animal (**about, tracks, drink**) along the trail. But neither boy (**knew, hot, better**) what animal left the prints in (**eight, the, hurt**) mud. Juan liked the spot because (**bring, now, fall**) he could use his new fishing (**pole, if, carry**).

Juan pulled out the new tent (**he, far, keep**) had bought. He was eager to (**who, full, put**) it up. But he was upset (**kind, when, cut**) he found that he had accidentally (**ear, left, time**) the poles at home. Lee said (**not, done, grow**) to worry; all they had to (**today, each, do**) was use some tree limbs. After (**first, long, looking**) around the boys finally found some (**branches, much, long**). A couple of fallen tree branches (**ten, myself, were**) about four feet long. They were (**shall, perfect, today**). Soon their tent was up and (**make, who, ready**).

The next job was to get (**dinner, together, only**) ready. Lee worked on the meal. (**Six, Try, Juan**) looked for firewood. Juan remembered the (**own, ranger, small**) asking all campers to use fallen, (**call, pick, dead**) wood for fires. Finding firewood was (**not, come, swim**) very easy since many of the (**trees, well, ran**) nearby were alive. He climbed a (**us, for, hill**) and noticed a fallen tree in (**the, table, were**) ravine. It was a steep climb (**drink, to, jump**) the bottom. But Juan thought it (**if, over, was**) worth the effort.

## Getting Up In The Morning

Morning! I used to jump out of bed in the morning. But now it's getting harder and (**harder, hand, bound**) for me. Now I like to (**sand, lie, soon**) in bed while I'm still sleepy.

(**Sound, The, Brand**) first thing I hear is my (**find, soon, mom**) saying, "Time to get up, Kia." "(**It's, Eggs, Lands**) time for school." After a few (**make, brand, minutes**) with no signs of life from (**my, west, stand**) body, she walks over to me (**round, nest, and**) gives my back a little shake. (**Crest, Grand, Then**) I give a little groan so (**she'll, hound, chill**) stop. Next she turns on the (**still, light, it**) to remind me not to fall (**back, hall, lease**) to sleep. Then I have to (**week, turn, cream**) over to shut out the light. (**Clay, At, Soap**) this point I give a big (**whine, now, sadly**). Then she knows that I'm beginning (**male, ride, to**) wake up but I strongly object. (**Boot, Then, Sick**), just to make sure that she (**gown, code, means**) business, Mom turns on the radio (**as, chase, time**) she leaves the room. Bah, humbug! (**Mule, I, Poke**) lie in bed listening to the (**radio, mine, rate**). I can hear Mom in the (**cow, out, kitchen**). She can really make a lot (**couch, of, town**) noise in the kitchen in the (**morning, found, down**). I know it's her way of (**sack, oat, keeping**) me awake. Soon I smell sausages (**cooking, shock, pick**). That does the trick. Now I (**back, coat, can't**) stand to lie in bed!



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## The Last Story

Have I told you my last story? I hope not. Life is more (**down, and, fun**) when we have stories to tell. (**If, Come, Away**) I tell you my last story (**can, then, blue**) I won't have as much fun (**line, easy, talking**) with you. Do you and your (**other, big, find**) friends tell stories to each other? (**Here, I'll, Help**) bet you do. I'll bet that (**go, funny, you**) don't even think that when you (**talk, is, jump**) you are telling your stories. You (**it, little, really**) are, you know. When we tell (**people, look, make**) about things we have seen or (**ride, done, his**) we are telling our story. That (**means, sing, while**) that every person has a story (**meet, judge, to**) tell.

The longest story that you (**wing, have, bird**) to tell might be the story (**fast, thin, of**) your life. The longer you live, (**the, take, live**) longer your story becomes. Old people (**jump, have, good**) very long stories to tell. If (**key, you, win**) will sit and listen to an (**old, mind, about**) person tell his story you will (**your, find, look**) that it is very interesting. Most (**of, cool, now**) the things you will hear about (**down, see, you**) have never seen. Aren't stories about (**things, he, full**) that you have never seen the (**milk, most, sit**) interesting? I think so.

## Sharing Corn

The farmer said, "If you help me plant my corn, I will share my crops with you." So the neighbor helped the farmer (**to, us, with**) drag the sacks of corn to (**shall, the, who**) field. The farmer said, "Now we (**some, wish, must**) dig long furrows in the ground (**ran, to, up**) plant the corn."

The neighbor said, "(**But, White, She**) you told me that we would (**write, share, very**) the corn."

"That is true," the (**well, read, farmer**) replied. "We'll plant the corn. When (**it, upon, was**) grows with large ears we'll each (**sleep, would, take**) half."

"No, that's not the way (**sing, that, work**) I want to share," the neighbor (**run, use, replied**). "We'll divide the corn now. You (**take, wash, small**) half of the bags and I'll (**why, take, soon**) half of the bags."

"I don't (**want, will, ride**) to argue with you," said the (**truck, there, farmer**). "You may take half of the (**swim, bags, pass**)."

The neighbor then began to carry (**team, cake, away**) his bags of corn while the (**farmer, car, while**) made furrows for his seeds. The (**went, smell, farmer**) thought, "I hope my neighbor plants (**round, his, nuts**) corn too. If he eats it (**now, start, red**) he will soon find that the (**green, train, corn**) will not last long. In the (**fall, shoot, head**) he will wish that he would (**hard, have, shoe**) planted his seeds with mine.

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## Shantel and Liz

Shantel and Liz are playing softball. Shantel is batting. Liz is pitching. (**Jamal, Bake, Date**) is in the outfield to catch (**came, the, blame**) ball. Jamal is running to catch (**cape, sale, the**) ball. Liz is also running toward (**truck, the, mean**) ball. Who will catch it? Liz (**is, cave, swim**) faster and she catches the softball.

(**Cake, Liz, Fate**) lives in a charming house. The (**house, tape, flame**) is in the city. The house (**pale, is, them**) old. It has brick walls and (**big, lake, gate**) windows. The trees outside are old. (**Game, Pave, Liz**) lives with her mother. She likes (**to, tape, shape**) go to Shantel's house to play.

(**Make, Shantel, Flake**) lives in the house next to (**Liz, Drape, Whale**). Shantel's house is painted blue. Her (**rave, cat, train**), Puff, likes to sleep on the (**windowsill, quake, black**). The sun comes in and makes (**Gaze, Shake, Puff**) warm. There's a tree outside the (**there, window, your**). A chipmunk lives in a hole (**skate, tail, in**) the tree. Puff spends hours watching (**the, horse, tramp**) chipmunk run up and down the (**team, tree, snow**).

Shantel lives with her mom and (**baby, most, storm**) brother. Shantel's baby brother is fun (**life, treat, to**) watch. Shantel and Liz like to (**take, meat, spy**) him for walks and read books (**vase, to, dog**) him. Puff likes to jump on (**the, water, cook**) book. It's hard to read with (**house, a, from**) cat on the book!

## The Treasure Hunt

Today was the day of the treasure hunt. Sherry and Missy said they would (**read, help, your**) each other find the hidden prize. (**The, Right, Would**) prize was placed in a small (**write, sing, box**).

"Where do you think the box (**is, sit, work**)?" Sherry asked her friend.

"I'm not (**wish, sleep, sure**), but I think it is in (**the, tall, why**) park across the street, let's go (**which, over, their**) there and look."

Both girls walked (**these, wash, over**) to the park and started to (**look, care, very**) around the trees and bushes. Sherry (**use, truck, even**) climbed into the oak tree, but (**could, team, was**) not find anything.

"Maybe the prize (**there, is, apple**) over by the pond," said Missy.

"(**It's, Rent, Hair**) worth a try," said Sherry. "I'll (**built, said, race**) you!"

Both girls were out of (**rest, breath, green**) when they reached the pond. They (**were, must, car**) the only ones there. Missy checked (**went, cake, the**) shore while Sherry walked over to (**the, cost, store**) bridge near the stream. As she (**make, began, like**) to step onto the bridge, she (**come, skate, noticed**) a small box to the side. "(**Sang, Over, Pass**) here," she yelled to Missy, "I (**only, down, think**) I found it."

Sherry soon opened (**week, the, table**) box and found a piece of (**paper, sail, wind**). On the paper were the words: (**far, look, only**) the person, who is smart as (**end, a, lunch**) fox, will win the prize.